

CRIED FOR MERCY.

Schneider, the Slayer of Servant Girls, Gibbeted.

HE SUFFERED FOR HIS CRIMES.

Sickening Scene Witnessed at the Execution—His Wife Given a Life Term in Prison.

VIENNA, March 17.—Frank Schneider, the murderer of servant girls, was executed here at 9 a. m. Schneider was gibbeted after the Austrian method. He was entirely broken down as he was led from the cell to the scaffold.

Quelled in Death's Presence.

His features had lost their look of repulsive ferocity, and by his every manner the man who strangled with his strong hands weak and defenseless girls showed that his brutal nature was subdued, and that he was in an agony of fear at the fate awaiting him. As he saw the scaffold and the stake and spike from which he was to be hanged rising above it, his pallid face turned a greenish hue and he had almost to be carried to the spot.

An Awful Struggle.

The condemned man was lifted from the ground and a fearful scene followed. Schneider immediately kicked his legs in every direction, and tried frantically to escape from the grasp of the hangmen who held him. But his efforts were useless, and then he shrieked: "Oh, no; in God's name; I'll say anything."

A Sickening Scene.

This scene did not last long, however, for Seyfried, the executioner, rushed up a set of steps that stood behind the stake and threw the free end of the silken loop which was attached to the stake around Schneider's throat, in fact lassoing him, as he was held aloft by the assistants. No black cap was used, the executioner making his hands do duty in its stead. As the noose passed around Schneider's neck, the horse-laughters dropped him. Seyfried pressed his left hand heavily over the jaw and mouth of the victim, while his right hand covered the forehead and eyes. At the same time the assistants grasped the hanging man by his arms and legs and pulled downward with all their strength. Held in this position Schneider was unable to move and he was strangled to death. The doctors in attendance say that he was dead in four minutes. The face of the dying man could be seen between the fingers of the executioner and every change in the color of the flesh was discernible. It was a horrible sight and many of the spectators were compelled to turn away.

Left Hanging to the Stake.

After Schneider had been suspended for five minutes Seyfried, who, during the whole scene, was perfectly cool, twice laid his ear against Schneider's face until he was convinced that the man was dead and the law satisfied. Then he relaxed his grasp of the head and descended the steps, joining his assistants, who in the meantime had let go of the legs and arms of Schneider. The body was left hanging from the stake. The executioner was quite neat in his appearance, but his assistants were thoroughly repulsive. As the dead murderer hung with the fatal loop around his neck his features appeared comical.

His Wife's Life Sentence.

Rosalie Schneider, the wife and party in the crimes for which her husband paid the penalty with his life, is receiving a sentence of life imprisonment. One of the provisions of her sentence is that for one day in every week she shall be subjected to solitary confinement in a dark cell.

Their Crimes.

The crimes for which Schneider suffered death and for which his wife is in prison were unparalleled in their atrocity, and his trial created a great sensation. About a year ago the pair drifted into the career of outrage, robbery and murder which has made them famous. The Schneiders lived in an obscure place in the suburbs of Vienna. They made a business of decoying, outwitting and murdering servant-girls in order to get possession of the money and clothing the unfortunate had with them. The victims were in every instance servant-girls in search of employment, and it was by promising to find them situations that the prisoners succeeded in luring them to their fate.

Two Females Hanged in England.

LONDON, March 17.—The appeals page, to St. Hon. Henry Matthews, the home secretary, to grant a reprieve in the case of Charles Rayner and Frederick Eggleston, the poachers who were condemned to death for the killing of Joseph Crawley and William Puddisfoot, gamekeepers on an estate at Pitton, were of no avail, and consequently the two men were hanged at Oxford at 9 o'clock a. m.

A Secretary Foster Returns.

NEW YORK, March 17.—The North German Lloyd steamer Spree, from Bremen via Southampton, with Secretary Foster on board, arrived off Fire Island at 11 o'clock Wednesday night, reaching quarantine at 1:30 a. m. At 1 p. m. the secretary was transferred to the steamboat Laura M. Starin, which immediately left quarantine for the city.

Thirteen Buildings Burned.

KINGSTON, N. Y., March 17.—A fire in Eddyville Wednesday night destroyed thirteen buildings, including Behman's hotel and Loria's hotel, four dwelling houses and seven barns. The loss will reach about \$200,000. All the buildings burned were frame structures.

Failure in Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., March 17.—John A. Mathison, owner of a wood alcohol refinery in this city, has made a general assignment to the Union Trust Company for the benefit of his creditors. His liabilities are about \$20,000.

A Chicago Banker Falls.

CHICAGO, March 17.—Michael Schweslath, formerly city treasurer, but now doing business as a broker at 303 La Salle street, has made an assignment to John Lampart. The assets are placed at \$140,000 and liabilities at \$120,000.

Eight Persons Killed by an Avalanche.

REMA, March 17.—An avalanche occurred Wednesday at Bolinas, a city

of north Italy, 31 miles north of Venice. Eight persons were overwhelmed and killed by the immense mass of snow and considerable property was destroyed.

RUSSIAN CHEERS.

The Indiana Arrives at Libau and Her Officers Receive a Hearty Welcome.

ST. PETERSBURG, March 17.—The steamship Indiana was greeted with cheers and waving of flags from the crowds on shore and in small boats when she came into the roadstead at Libau at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. The Russian cruiser Starch saluted and manned the yards and the officers and crew were led by the captain in cheers for the United States. The officers of the Indiana were taken aboard the cruiser, where they were met by Consul General Crawford from St. Petersburg and Consul Bornholdt from Riga.

After the naval band had played the "Star Spangled Banner" the captain of the Starch made a speech of welcome, in which he dwelt upon the friendly relations which had always existed between Russia and the United States and the generosity of the American people. Consul General Crawford replied. There was a dinner, at which the health of the president and the czar were drunk, after which Consul General Crawford returned to St. Petersburg with the Indiana's officers.

Messrs. Blankenburg, Drexel and Biddle, comprising a committee of American citizens sent to Russia, have issued the following:

"If the American people knew the extent of the suffering in the famine districts of Russia they would come to the rescue. Twenty millions of people are affected and in danger of death from starvation. Typhus fever is raging in many provinces and horses and cattle are perishing of hunger."

IS HE JACK THE RIPPY?

Five Victims of a Man Arrested in Australia for Murder Unearthed in England.

LIVERPOOL, March 17.—A great sensation has been caused by the arrest of Arthur Williams, of Dinham Villa, Rainhill, Liverpool, for murder. In July Williams married Miss Mather, a local belle, and went to Australia. He has just been arrested there for murdering his wife and committing her body beneath a fireplace. The people of Rainhill, on hearing this news, remembered that some time before Williams' departure a lady and two children had been seen to visit Williams' villa and had not been observed afterward. The police searched the villa and found the bodies of a woman and two children cemented beneath the fireplace, in the same manner as the body of Williams' wife is reported to have been found in Australia. The bodies of the children were wrapped in a damask tablecloth. It is supposed that these are former victims of Williams. Two more bodies have been found. One is that of a girl of 13, who had been strangled, the other that of a baby a year old with the throat cut. The bodies of the woman and two children previously unearthed also had their throats cut. From various indications the suggestion has been made that Williams was the original "Jack the Ripper."

INSANITY AMONG LYNCHERS.

The Case as Made Out for Each of the Men Engaged in Siebold's Hanging.

DARLINGTON, Wis., March 17.—The case of insanity as made out for the defendants in the Siebold lynching affair so far is: Andrews received an injury on the head when a boy, the effect of which, it is claimed, was that he became of a very excitable nature, unmanageable and with many peculiar ways. Taylor for years has been subject to epileptic fits, which have weakened his mind. Bliss was much affected by the death of Meighan, and his wife he thought would go crazy. It is claimed that this worked on his mind and caused him to become insane. Smith has been a hard drinker and it has injured his mind. One witness testified to seeing him wandering around the morning of the lynching and that he said he was looking for Jimmie Meighan. For the Meighans it was shown that insanity had been in this family for years, and they themselves have acted queerly for years. A fair case of insanity has been made out for all the defendants except Bliss. The case will not go to the jury before Saturday, if it does then.

Starving in Australia.

BRISBANE, Queensland, March 17.—Much suffering has been caused by the stagnation in the various industries in this colony and quite a number of persons are almost on the verge of starvation. Wednesday 400 women and children besieged the labor bureau in this city, begging for relief. The crush was so great that many of the women in the crowd fainted. In many cases husbands have left the city and gone into the country seeking work. They have left their families destitute, and the women and children are dependent upon the government for food to keep them alive.

Found Her Truant Husband.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 17.—When Peter Petrusa, a mine boss, was confronted Wednesday by his wife, whom he had deserted in Poland twelve years ago, he fainted. Petrusa had married again and has five children. When the second wife heard of the circumstances she became insane, and carrying her youngest child on her back, started to go crying through the streets. The child was found on her back, dead from exposure.

In Aid of Missouri State University.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., March 17.—The lower house of the state legislature has passed a bill to tax to the extent of 1 per cent. the value of all franchises and the capital stock of all corporations. This tax is to be laid for the purpose of aiding the state university.

Declined the Dartmouth Presidency.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Prof. William J. Tucker, of the Andover Theological seminary, has declined the presidency of Dartmouth college offered him by the trustees.

New Minister in Washington.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—Dr. Mott Smith has presented his credentials as a minister of the Hawaiian Islands to United States. He made a pretty little speech to the president and Harrison replied briefly.

COLD IN THE SOUTH

Winds Sweep Over Several of the Southern States.

DAMAGING THE NEW BLOSSOMS

Much Damage to Fruit and Other Crops—Live Stock Frozen—Much Suffering in Oklahoma.

DALLAS, TEX., March 17.—At 10 o'clock Wednesday morning the northern hurricane culminated in a storm of sleet and snow and ice. During the night the fierce north wind brought heavy rainfalls at frequent intervals and at daylight the thermometer was below 40. Fruit trees on Tuesday gayly covered with full blossoms now are covered with ice. It is a great calamity to Texas.

Cold in Oklahoma.

GUTHRIE, O. T., March 17.—A terrible snowstorm is prevailing here. It commenced snowing early Wednesday morning and continued up to midnight. About 7 inches of snow have fallen, an unprecedented amount for this locality. There is much suffering among the poorer classes and it is feared that the boomers who are gathered around the Cherokee and Cheyenne Indian lands will with difficulty withstand the rigors of the weather. Such weather has never been known in this territory at this season and the people are wholly unprepared for it. It is also feared that the cold weather will greatly damage growing crops.

In Arkansas.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 17.—Six inches of snow fell here Wednesday, the heaviest known for years. In this city the blizzard lasted from noon up to 9 o'clock. Great damage is reported to the fruit crop everywhere.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., March 17.—A blizzard of unusual severity struck the city Tuesday. Wednesday the heaviest snowstorm of the winter prevailed. No such snow has fallen this far south in March since 1876.

HELENA, Ark., March 17.—Snow and cold have prevailed. Much damage has been done to fruit in this section.

The Storm in Kansas.

COLUMBUS, Kan., March 17.—The blizzard which has been in progress in this section for the last fifty hours has brought all farming to a standstill. Stock of all kind is suffering severely and business generally is nearly suspended. Dispatches from northern Texas say a terrible blizzard is sweeping over that part of the state and that everything is covered with sleet.

The Peach Crop Injured.

MASCOUTAH, Ill., March 17.—The recent cold snap has injured the peach crop in southern Illinois. With the exception of a few late varieties the peaches have all been killed. Other fruits are all right and the growing wheat crop has not been injured by the severe winter weather.

Cattle Dying in the Storm.

TALLAH, I. T., March 17.—A severe storm struck this section of the country two days ago. The mercury has been and still is below freezing point, with no signs of the storm abating. Hundreds of cattle are dying everywhere. Estimates of one man's loss are placed at 1,000 during the last two days. Train loads of cattle are being unloaded by the "Frisco" road from the south, and many of them will die.

WANTS AN ANSWER.

The President Growing Anxious Over Lord Salisbury's Delay.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—The only feature of interest in the Behring sea controversy Wednesday was the serving of notice upon the British ambassador for a reply from Lord Salisbury. Ten days have passed since this communication was placed before the English premier, and the delay is regarded as injurious and unnecessary. The revenue and naval forces on the Pacific coast are now ready for their northern cruise, but must await definite instructions. If any benefit is to be derived from a closed season the requisite patrol of vessels for Behring sea must be sent at once.

DEADLY WORK.

The Boiler of a Locomotive Explodes in Pennsylvania, Killing an Engineer and Fireman.

SHAMONG, Pa., March 17.—The boiler of a freight engine on the Catawissa branch of the Philadelphia & Reading railroad exploded at McAlister Wednesday morning, killing Engineer Charles C. Campbell and Fireman Frank Beckie and injuring brakeman George Benton and two trackmen. The two latter were inspecting a side track, and when the engine came in view they stepped to one side with the intention of riding to their destination. They were boarding the engine when the explosion occurred. Brakeman Benton was sitting in the cab talking to the engineer. He was tossed 100 yards and had both arms crushed. The engineer and fireman met instant death. This is the fifth engine that has exploded on the Reading road.

DUNN'S MURDERERS FREE.

Venturers Disqualify Themselves Under a Federal Ruling and the Cases Are Settled.

SPRINGFIELD, Kan., March 17.—The district court convened here for the purpose of trying the Dunn murder case. The examination of witnesses for jury service was begun at once and continued through the day and up to a late hour Thursday night, when the special venire was exhausted and no jury obtained. When the first juror was placed upon the stand Judge Vandever ruled that no man who entertained the opinion that Dunn was lawfully killed by a mob could sit as a juror, and after a hundred men had disqualified themselves by saying they had such an opinion the cases were all nolle and the prisoners turned loose. The citizens generally looked upon the affair as a farce, and say that no man could say that Dunn was lawfully killed by a mob.

IN ASHES.

The Spencer House, Niagara Falls' Largest Hotel, Is Burned to the Ground.

NIAGARA FALLS, March 17.—The Spencer house, owned by the Gluck estate, located opposite the New York Central depot, was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. The building was of stone, four stories high. It had a capacity of 150 guests. When the fire broke out there were

about twenty-five guests in the house, besides the help. All escaped. The loss will be over \$100,000.

AN ASYLUM FOR FIELD.

The Court Holds That Confinement Under State Supervision Will Settle the Question of Sanity.

NEW YORK, March 17.—Justice Van Brunt has rendered his decision in the preliminary question as to the mental condition of Edward M. Field, son of a Millionaire, Cyrus W. Field, who was indicted for grand larceny and felony in connection with the \$3,000,000 failure of the firm of Field, Lindley, Wickersham & Co. Judge Van Brunt says in effect that while he is not convinced of the insanity of young Field, yet it is plain to him that Field is not now in a proper mental condition and should not be called upon to plead at the present time, but that by order of the court he should be confined within an asylum under state supervision until it can be definitely determined as to whether any of the symptoms which he claims now to exhibit actually exist or are feigned for the purpose of creating a belief in his diseased state of mind.

SAY IT IS NOT VALID.

Certain Sections of the McKinley Bill Re Announced by Chief Justice Fuller—Backed Up by Justice Lamar.

WASHINGTON, March 17.—When the supreme court decided that the McKinley bill was valid and constitutional, despite the fact that the thirteenth section of the act as it passed congress was omitted from the enrolled bill, and also despite the presence of the reciprocal section, Chief Justice Fuller and Justice Lamar dissented from the opinion of their associates as to the constitutionality of the reciprocity section, although holding with the majority that the act as a whole could not be disturbed. Their dissent was expressed orally, but since then their views have been reduced to words and will be placed with the opinion of the majority. They argue that the reciprocity section is unconstitutional for the reason that it delegates to the president the legislative power vested by the constitution in congress alone.

BASEBALL.

The Western League Will Open Its Season April 15.

CHICAGO, March 17.—James A. Williams, president and secretary of the Western Baseball league; Gus H. Schmeis, manager of the Columbus club; L. C. Krauthoff, of Kansas City, counsel of the league, and Robert W. Maguire, of Chicago, held an important baseball meeting Wednesday at Mr. Maguire's office. Williams had in his grip the signed contracts of 100 men who were willing and anxious to play in the Western league. The list included 16 catchers, 28 pitchers, 9 first basemen, 19 second basemen, 13 third basemen, 8 shortstops and 37 fielders. A few of the third basemen can play short, and will be assigned to that position. The list was studied by Maguire, Krauthoff and Schmeis, the players' committee. Finally 94 names were selected and then came the work of apportioning eight evenly balanced teams. It took several hours to do this to the committee's satisfaction, and each team will start in with three pitchers and a brace of catchers. The teams as apportioned will be submitted to the managers. Each manager is expected to do all that will in his judgment start the teams on an even footing. Therefore it is likely that some changes in the makeups will occur. Lists of the various teams as finally arranged will be dumped into a hat and eight numbers will be placed in another. Then a team and a number will be drawn simultaneously. Thus the teams will be drawn. After the committee had disposed of the team question it tackled the playing schedule. It was decided to play 140 games and divide the season. The opening games will be played on April 15, and the first series will close on June 20. The second season will open on July 2 and close September 20. The series will not be equally divided. Sixty-six games are scheduled in the first division and seventy-four games in the second. The umpires will first call play in the southern tier of cities. St. Paul will open in Omaha, Minneapolis in Kansas City, Milwaukee in Indianapolis and Toledo in Columbus.

Battle Between Austrians and Russians.

VIENNA, March 17.—A dispatch from Wlilcalin, in Galicia, says that a conflict occurred there Wednesday between a number of Austrians and Russian soldiers and that two of the Russians were killed. The affair has created the most intense excitement among the Russian frontier guards and they threaten to take revenge for the death of their countrymen. The Austrian gendarmes have been ordered to exercise the strictest vigilance on the frontier. The details received of the unfortunate affair are very meager, but it is thought it was the result of a drunken carousal.

Salvador Objects to Reciprocity.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 17.—A cable from Salvador says congress has refused to ratify the reciprocity treaty with the United States. Though the cable has not been confirmed it is believed to be true, owing to certain trade movements known here.

The Great Alta Irrigating System.

TRAVERS, Cal., March 17.—The great Alta irrigating district system of canals has just been completed and is running full of water, practically irrigating 100,000 acres of land. Five hundred miles of canals and distributing ditches are in operation.

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